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THE PROPOSITION

What We Are to Get For Light If The Franchise is Voted

In an interview with the promoter of the electric light and power plant, a reporter gathered the following as being the facts concerning what he proposes to put in operation in the city by September 1, if granted the franchise for 20 years at the election May 31. While the points to be mentioned in this article are not embodied in the ordinance, it is upon them that Mr. R. W. Cropper, the promoter, expects the citizens of the city to vote him the long time privilege of operating such a plant.

He says he will put in two internal combustion engines, of fifty horse power and of the best make, these being the next in cost of operation to water power; that he will generate sufficient current night and day to meet all requirements for light and power; that he will erect good poles and wires and protect the people from any mishap by contract with them, intending to meet the requirements of the insurance commission and the Public Service Commission; that he will furnish current at maximum of 121-2 c to the city, and 10 c to all others, meaning for the individual 10 cents for 50 hours for a 16 candle power light, but every user of the current must pay at least \$1 each month, if he has connected with the plant, no matter how little current is used; if over a dollars worth, then he pays the regular rate per kilowatt hour. If one uses a larger bulb than 16 candle power, his expense is greater, or if he has more than one light; that he will furnish meters to measure the amount of electricity used by all; that the cost of current for electric fans, power for sewing machines washers, grinders and any other motor no matter how large or small, will be much less than for lights, the amount of current contracted for governing the charge; that any person may furnish his own fixtures, wiring or motor and be furnished promptly with current at the same rate as those getting their fixtures etc. from the company; that he will add more power as more current is required, and use all diligence to prevent customers from being in the dark for a moment from the time they subscribe for current; that he will forfeit \$1000 to the city and his franchise if he fails to have the plant in operation within a year, or fails to supply current for a continuous period of more than one month; that customers will not be discriminated for or against.

This is the proposition which the promoter Mr. Cropper makes to each and every voter and on which he relies for unanimous support of the ordinance for a franchise being granted him for twenty years.

The ordinance authorizing the city council to contract with Mr. Cropper for a minimum of \$480 worth of lights each year for a period of ten years, is separate and distinct from the one providing the franchise. If this ordinance is put into effect, it is done by a vote of the citizens and cannot be revised, abrogated or revoked for ten years, as it is a contract entered into by and between the promoter and the citizens and after ratification cannot be changed except by the agreement of both

parties at another election. The charge of 121-2 c kilowatt made against the city is because the promoter furnishes all the equipment for lighting the city and keeps it in repair, whereas the individual must himself incur that expense for his lights and power.

The ordinances to be voted on will appear either in the papers or in the form of posters, and whichever way, each and every voter should read them carefully and qualify himself to vote intelligently, after which he has no right to raise a foot to kick for 20 and ten years.

Lot Sale Success

The big sale of lots in the new division opened up on the north side of the railroad and north of the elevator on the Williams tract as Salisbury Saturday, was a decided success, all the lots having been sold and the last one given to the holder of a ticket in the drawing, the lucky man being J. C. Cravens.

The sale was conducted by the Hannah Town Site company under the immediate supervision of Mr. Hannah, and the advertisement was lived up to in all particulars.

Lots sold from \$65 to \$125, some buying as many as 6 lots, Martin Whittaker being the buyer of six. Strange as it may seem, the greater number of investors were women.

There was a big crowd out, music and an entertaining auctioneer.

Present By Invitation

In commenting upon a debate on suffrage last week when a visiting lady discussed the suffrage question from the point of view of the pro-suffragists, some persons received the impression that Mrs. Cook of this city was present and spoke without invitation. The truth is that Mrs. Cook was invited to be presented and answer the speaker's argument, the invitation being extended by both the visiting speaker and the management of the American theatre.

Frank Petition Here

A petition that the death sentence of Leo Frank may be commuted to life imprisonment has been circulated and is being circulated by S. M. White. There are thousands of them throughout the country and the petition has been signed readily here. There are many who feel that Frank may be innocent and that the commutation of his sentence may give time to bring the real murder to light.

A Fine Rain

The rain that fell gently on the dust and unjust alike during the night of Monday and also Tuesday, was one that came in the nick of time and proved extremely beneficial.

There was a fight Saturday night between two negroes, Bitin' Dog and another negro named Jackson becoming embroiled. During the combat the Dog hit Jackson on the head with a bottle and inflicted some flesh wounds. The injuries were not dangerous and both parties are yet well and happy.

John Chivers, an old time citizen of this city, died at the home of his son Jodie in Houston, Texas, last week and was interred at that city. Mr. Chivers was known as one of the best mechanics in the state, and was postmaster here for four years. His widow and daughter Mrs. R. D. Vincent and sons John of Kansas City and Jodie of Houston, survive him.

MANY SUITS FOR TAXES

Forty-eight Cases for Delinquency—McClair Guilty of Manslaughter.

During the term of circuit court this week 48 cases for delinquent taxes have been filed for trial. Only one case of prominence was disposed of by the court during the earlier days of the week and this was that of Paul McClair negro, who was given two years in the penitentiary for manslaughter in the fourth degree for shooting his wife during a fracas at Forest Green.

The persons sued for delinquent taxes are: Addie Burnett, J. W. Fletcher, Lois Kennedy, A. O. Christy, Sam Elliott, Sarah Horton, Alex Hubbard, F. W. Blakely, John H. Turner, John Forbes, F. A. Dolton, Henry Young, J. P. O'Shaughnessy, Geo. Asby, W. H. Morris, H. Young, Sena Young, Louis Benecke, F. F. Williams, J. M. Perry, est. Thos. Dobbins, J. T. Foster, J. D. Croff, Matilda Smith, J. H. Hamilton, F. A. Dolton, N. Mo. R. R. Co. et al., G. F. Buddenberg, Furland Land & Improvement Co., F. Forbes et al., G. Wheeler, S. Forbes, G. W. Coudray, Isaac Lewis, F. W. Bixby, U. Mitchell, G. Hayes, J. E. Gardner, Henry Brown, Addie Burnett.

The following orders were made in various cases:

State vs Lovell. Continued.

Collector vs McReynolds, taxes paid. Dismissed.

Collector vs DeMoss, same as above.

Collector vs Floe, same as above.

Mendon Bank vs Mell, passed from docket.

Wellman vs Bruner, costs paid by plaintiff, dismissed.

Six motions for execution against Thomas Karcher overruled.

Elizabeth Mode vs John Mode sr., judgment for \$550.00 and int. against John Mode jr., garnishee.

Farmers Bank vs U. S. Fidelity & Casualty Co., petition ordered filed and defendant's demurrer overruled.

State vs Rafferty and Rodgers. Burglary charge withdrawn and guilty of petit larceny.

State vs E. Hayes Guilty burglary in second degree. Two years in pen.

State vs Elson, stricken.

State vs Ferguson, passed.

G. Owens vs W. U. Tel. Co., nonsuited.

Rucker vs Rucker et al passed. Hamilton administrator vs Wabash, damages. Instructions to jury for defendant at close of plaintiff's evidence.

Horton vs Wabash dismissed at defendant's cost.

Decrees in following partition suits: Linneman vs N. Mo. R. R. Co., Langer vs Darr, Engle vs Simpson, Reichle vs Singleton, Stamper vs Harrison, Stephenson vs Stephenson.

Harper vs Indiana & O. Stock Ins. Co. stricken.

Correll vs Edds judgment for \$100 by agreement.

City Salisbury vs Davis demurrer sustained.

City of Salisbury vs Murphy, transferred to Salisbury.

Edna Carroll vs Osburn Carroll, divorce and custody of Mary Jane Carroll.

Not advertised among the attractions but the earthquake is now on the bills at San Francisco.

Belle Cook Snavely

Belle Cook, only daughter of Lucien E. and Florilla Cook, was born at Monticello, Howard County, Mo., June 3, 1865 and with her parents moved to this county some years later.

She was married to James Snavely, a well known and popular traveling grocer salesman of Carrollton July 26 1886, and to the union was born three children, Misses Urcel and Pauline and son James, all of Kansas City where the family has resided for 8 years after a residence in Carrollton of 20 years.

Belle Snavely died at her home in Kansas City May 13 of acute appendicitis after an operation and was brought to this city for interment in the city cemetery by her daughters and son Saturday. Services at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. E. Cook were held by Rev. W. L. Meyers.

Perhaps there was no better known young lady in society in this city during her young womanhood than Belle Cook, and surely there was none fuller of vigor, enjoyment of life and ready adjustment to surrounding conditions. She was ever jolly, sympathetic and accommodating and possessed of more than ordinary education and talent and accounted among the very good looking people of the community.

A stroke of paralysis which afflicted her husband some years ago and from which he has never recovered, prevented him from being present at the obsequies. He and his children and his sister will reside together in Kansas City where his daughters and son have good positions. Perhaps no mother in the state could boast rightfully of handsomer daughters than could Mrs. Snavely and of them she was justly proud.

In addition to a large number of friends of the family, Mrs. John Moore and Mrs. Wm E. White of Glasgow and Mrs. Geo. Wilson of St. Louis and Mr. Wickman were present at the funeral ceremonies. Lon Cook, only brother of the deceased, located in New Orleans, was unable to reach here in time, as also were other relatives at a distance.

The Courier extends sympathy to the mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Levy Howard

Mrs. Annie Howard the wife of Levy Howard died at her home at 7:30 p. m. Friday May 14. Death was due to eclampsia. The decedent was 25 years of age and is survived by her husband and a son and daughter. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bean. The funeral was held at the home at 1:30 p. m. the following Saturday and burial was in the city cemetery.

Child Dead

Little Bessie Mason, the fourteen months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Mason, died at the home of the father's parents the night of Tuesday of this week. The child had been operated upon for locked bowel and survived the operation four hours. The burial was Thursday.

Chinch bugs are either amphibious or drowned.

The Good Roads Club of this county was prevented from meeting with the Macon Good Roads Club Thursday, the rain making the roads too bad to travel. Dr. A. B. Miller, president of the Macon County Club will arrange for a meeting with our Club at any time he is notified we can meet with them.

CLOSING EXERCISES

Of Brunswick High School Are In Session This Week.

Brunswick High School closing exercises began Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Akers of Richmond.

Wednesday evening the alumni banquet, one of the big events in the history of the school. Numbers of the graduates of this rapidly advancing institution of learning enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Toastmaster Prof. Cross officiated with all the grace and trimmings appropriate and the address of welcome was splendid as it was delivered by Lowell Johnson. Harry Manns response to the welcome address was second to none and placed the young graduate in the class of choice post-prandial speakers.

The graduating exercises of the eighth grade were held at the Russell opera house Thursday night, Rev. C. A. Bowles delivering the principal address. "The Heavenly Twins" a pretty playlet was rendered by members of the class and the exercises were interspersed by musical numbers rendered by a good orchestra. The delivery of the diplomas was by a member of the school board.

Tonight the High School exercises will be given at the Russell opera house, and the address of the evening made by Dr. Williamson of St. Louis, the salutory by Miss Ione Taylor and the valedictory by Virgil Bastel.

Judge L. H. Herring, President of the school board will deliver the diplomas. Music by orchestra.

B. K. Bruce School

The exercises of the B. K. Bruce High School at Brunswick will be held at the City Hall in Brunswick beginning last night and opened with a big literary program. The program was not printed in full, so the account of the occasion is necessarily limited. According to the bills, the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. M. McCamy Sunday and the event closed with a big game of ball Tuesday, Brunswick vs Salisbury on the ball grounds at Brunswick.

A Successful Show

The local talent play at the American theatre last Friday night drew a big house and the local D. O. C. cleared some money on the event. The house was full to capacity and \$39.00 was taken in at the door. The organization got half the receipt and cleared about \$30.00. The entertainment afforded the people who attended was enjoyable. Those who attended had a good time and were unstinted in expressing their pleasure with the showing made by the people of the city who participated.

Bell Vs Dalton

The Dalton ball club accepted the challenge of the Bell nine and the clubs met on the Keytesville diamond Saturday. Score, Bell 14 Dalton 9. The plays showed plainly that practice was needed by both clubs, but when the proper amount of work out is had, both these nines will make a good showing.

Huntsville Beat Salisbury

The ball team from Huntsville came to Salisbury Sunday scalp hunting. They got some. They defeated the Chariton county boys 24 to 13. It was a batfest and nearly everyone had a shot at the ball.

Joseph Walter Home

This institution for the care of indigent children in Kansas City was being solicited for Tuesday by Mrs. Effie W. Callahan of Kansas City, a prominent worker in charities in that city and also an attorney.

Adverse reports having been circulated here a few years ago about the home, and these coming to the knowledge of Mrs. Callahan, before she solicited any aid for the home, she telephoned to E. W. Lawson at Kansas City, secretary of the Badger Lumber Company for endorsement of the home.

Mr. Lawson promptly wired Hon. R. W. Rucker as follows:

Kansas City Mo.

May 18, 1915

R. W. Rucker,

Keytesville Mo.

The Joseph Walter Home is absolutely a most worthy institution. E. W. Lawson.

Secty. Badger Lumber Co.

WARRANTY DEEDS

Mary T. James to The Bartlett Agricultural and Industrial School Association, \$1.00 102 acres, being se sw 12;55 a, n pt e hf ne 13;7 a, sw corner hf nw 13-53-19.

S. E. Everly to W. M. Halliburton, \$3500, lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, blk. 12, Western Add. Brunswick.

S. A. Sutherland to M. D. Caston, \$18,000.00 s hf ne; s hf sw 15-55-21.

J. M. Perley to O. S. Guilford, \$13300, e hf nw 9 nw nw 10; 16-52-18.

Victor West to R. O. Roberts, \$4100 sw nw 11-55-21.

Clyde West to R. O. Roberts, 8000, e hf sw 11-55-21, 80 a.

M. F. Clardy to J. S. Baker, \$4000, sw 33-56-16.

Masons Visit Keytesville

In order that they might have part in the administering of the third degree to a candidate for this honor in the Masonic lodge here, a large number of Masons from all over the county came here last Friday night. Most of them came in automobiles. The gentleman received into the lodge was W. L. Wright of this city. On Tuesday night of this week the work was administered to Aubrey Sterner and on Friday night the lodge meets again to confer the third degree on Richard Hunt. The visitors came from Prairie Hill, Sumner, Menon, Rothville, Westville, Dalton and Marceline.

Judge Ed Welch was slow to get into road work but he lost no time when he got at it. He has completed that assigned to him between his farm and Mussel Fork.

L. B. Thrash who went to Kansas City for a minor surgical operation two weeks ago was at home Sunday, returning to the city Monday morning. He was to take treatment at the hospital for this week and then return home to remain.

The lover of apples is getting now to where the crop is about at its worst. The apples are all nearly dry of juice and lack life and the zestful properties that go with fresh ripe fruit. But, it is not a very far look ahead to discern the coming crop.

Mrs. Bessie Calvert of Bosworth came with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sack and their children from their home at Bosworth Saturday night to spend Sunday with Mrs. Calvert's mother, Mrs. P. R. O'Bryan and to bring Miss Missouri Ann Allega home.